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Malls bursting with shoppers

► Last-minute shopping a hard habit to break for some, tradition for others ► Ottawa bustling with shoppers making final Christmas push ► For some, giving is the best part



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► Seven-year-old Jack and his sister Jasmine Findlater, 5, take a break from their family's quest to find a traditional yule log cake and check out the Mrs. Tiggy Winkles treasure trove. With family visiting from Australia, the Findlaters decided to brave the malls and do some sightseeing.



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Christmas is all about tradition, even last-minute shopping, it seems.

"We started Tuesday, after exams. We always go to the same place. It's always last-minute. We usually shop together. It's a tradition," said Danny Raffiel, a fourth-year University of Ottawa law student, as he gestured toward his cousin Rachel, a third-year psychology student at the same school.

Clutching bulging shopping bags, the

"I have about 19 people to buy for, family and friends. I get lists from everybody, otherwise I would have no idea what to get anybody."

SARAH WARDEN

pair said gift giving isn't the most important part of Christmas.

"It's getting together with family. It's about love, religion," Danny said, adding his family holds an annual Christmas Eve

party with 30 to 50 relatives attending.

For Sami Dhraief, the best part of Christmas this year will be giving his girlfriend's four-year-old daughter, Catleen Desormeau, a Wii gaming system.

"I think she'll be pretty excited," he said. Dhraief said he normally waits until the last minute, but this year started shopping last month thanks to some vacation time. He still found himself buying gifts at the mall Thursday.

"I just have to control myself so I don't buy too many gifts for me," he laughed.

NHL

New Jersey Devils fire head coach

► John MacLean gets benched
► Disappointing season for the team so far ► Devils are tied for fewest points in the league {page 20}

Movies to watch in the new year

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Activating inactive data

- 90% of buses transmit a GPS signal every two minutes to OC Transpo
- Group wants access to signals and to share that data online



► Ryan Stec, left, Daniel Beauchamp, centre, and Matt Espinet attend the international open data Hackfest at city hall earlier this year.



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Soon OC Transpo users will be able to accurately track their bus in real time with their smartphones.

The City of Ottawa has started a pilot project with Open Data Ottawa to gather bus location information using GPS technology and to upload it to the web.

"We also get information on when the bus is supposed to arrive and how many seconds early or late it is," said Edward Ocampo-Gooding.

As a lead organizer for Open Data Ottawa, Ocampo-Gooding works with a variety of software developers who build applications with public data.

He said he wants to eliminate the "inefficiencies and bureaucracy" in accessing public information,

but added that the city has been very co-operative so far.

"People are building stuff now for iPhones and Android devices," he said.

"The open data initiative is very exciting," said Mark Faul, program manager for the City of Ottawa's corporate communications.

Faul said the city is always looking for ways for people to access information in new ways.

They can hack it

The last Hackfest took place earlier this month.

- Hackfest was a gathering of people from over 76 cities spanning five continents where city councillors, developers and designers share ideas about building apps using public data.
- The goal is to get more access to data sets that are stored in city computers.

News in brief

Woman dies in truck crash

PEDESTRIAN KILLED. A small car collided with a dump truck on March Road near Morgan's Grant Way Wednesday afternoon, killing a female passenger in the car.

The driver of the car, a 68-year-old man, suffered head injuries. He was hospitalized and listed in serious condition. The driver of the dump truck was uninjured. Ottawa police are investigating.

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Thieves make off with metal

COPPER HEIST. Police are searching for two gun-toting masked bandits who held up a trucker, tied him up and stole about \$500,000 of copper before leaving him at the Quebec-Ontario border near Hawkesbury Thursday. Sûreté du Québec Sgt. Gregory Gomez del Prado said the incident happened just after 5 a.m.

● SEAN MCKIBBON

Kwanzaa on the Hill

HOLIDAYS. Parliament Hill will for the first time host the official opening of Ottawa's Kwanzaa celebrations this year, with the lighting of the traditional seven-candle kinara and the presentation of awards for self-determination (Kujichagulia) to community pioneers.

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Sally Ann's last call

► After the kettles are gone, donations can be made at salvationarmy.ca or by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY ► 'Ottawa typically responds very well, it's just a question of communicating with the community': Spokesperson



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Times are tough for charities, and with Friday marking the last day for the iconic red Christmas kettles, the Salvation Army is appealing to last-minute donors to make their holiday wish come true.

After a 22-day campaign, the Salvation Army in Ottawa is just over \$60,000 shy of its \$525,000 goal, said spokesman Michael Maidment.

"It's been tough," said Maidment. "We're still feeling the effects of the economy ... It's been a bit of a struggle."

The Salvation Army here in Ottawa, said Maidment, has seen an increase in need over the last year.

"We're seeing more people coming to us for help... we're expecting that trend to continue at least into the foreseeable future."

A shortfall in funds raised means less money for the programs that the

"It's very important that we raise as much money as possible, because we don't always know what to expect in the coming year."

MICHAEL MAIDMENT,
SALVATION ARMY

Salvation Army supports in 2011, which include community and family services like Toy Mountain, Winter Warmth, an emergency food bank and a financial trusteeship program.

"I think there are a lot of difficult choices that have to be made at Christmas-time ... When the money comes in, families are choosing whether to pay rent, pay hydro or buy gifts for the kids."

"The programs we have are about giving families dignity. They're able to provide for their families with a little help from our organization."



► Longtime kettle volunteer Kathy Morin, left, chats with Ottawa resident Bill Neil as he makes a donation at a kettle at the Rideau Centre yesterday. This year, hundreds of volunteers put in over 7,000 hours at 41 kettles across the city.

Holiday blitz in full effect

Messy weather, holiday traffic and Christmas parties behind the wheel add up to extra seasonal headaches for Ottawa police.

Extra RIDE checkpoints have been operating all month, at different times of day than during the rest of the year.

"There'll be some in the afternoon, there'll be some in the late evening, instead

of just the standard bar crowd after-hours type of thing," said Const. Craig Roberts of the traffic escort and enforcement squad. "We'll be trying to address some of the Christmas cheer afternoon holiday drinking."

Alcohol was a factor in nine Ottawa deaths in 2009. The other big danger, excessive speed, resulted in an-

other 15 fatalities.

"We always try to remind people about adjusting speed for the conditions and increasing following distance which is often difficult for people to remember, especially in rush hour conditions," Roberts said.

Co-operative driving, he added, can mitigate the horrors of holiday traffic.

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"The traffic at the malls in and out is a challenge at the best of times and then you mix in everything from conditions to the frantic mood of shoppers, and we do end up with more fender-benders, more road rage."

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The 'lost and forgotten' Canadians

► Canada behind Britain, France and U.S. in extricating citizens from foreign prisons: Lawyers

The tales of Canadians trapped in European airports made headlines this week. But hundreds of forgotten Canadians are trapped abroad for far longer, and some may never go home again.

They are people jailed, often through no fault of their own, or kept as virtual prisoners by laws not recognized by Ottawa.

Most, if not all, have grieving families who are also held prisoner through fear for their loved ones.

Ottawa says it is well aware of cases of unjust imprisonment and is working behind the scenes to remedy them. But officials say that there are limits to what diplomacy can do and that the majority of

the 1,000 or so Canadians behind bars in other countries were breaking those countries' laws.

Critics are not convinced.

"Unless these matters are raised with significant pressure they tend to drop out," says Dan McTeague, Liberal consular affairs critic. "Some of them are made more difficult by an incoherent Conservative ideology that hinders effective advocacy by the government in helping the lost and forgotten."

"Days come and go, but the pain and dejection remain," said Torontonian Antonella Mega, wife of Iranian prisoner Hamid Ghassemi-Shall.

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Christmas. Bethlehem



► Catholic pilgrims hold candles at the Church of the Nativity, where many believe Jesus Christ was born, in Bethlehem.

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Room at the inn tonight?

So far this year, 1.4 million tourists have visited the traditional birthplace of Jesus and 90,000 are expected during the Christmas season, according to Israeli government figures.

Norwegian paper says it has full cache of cables

A Norwegian newspaper says it has obtained the entire trove of 250,000 uncensored U.S. diplomatic documents that WikiLeaks has been distributing.

The announcement appears to make Aftenposten the first media organization outside WikiLeaks' five partners to obtain the material — a development sure to heighten U.S. government fears that the release of some uncensored diplomatic cables could endan-

ger informants' lives.

So far WikiLeaks has released about 1,900 of the more than 250,000 State Department documents it claims to possess, many of them containing critical or embarrassing U.S. assessments of foreign countries.

The documents are also being published by the New York Times, France's Le Monde, Britain's Guardian newspaper and the German magazine Der Spiegel.

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Dublin airport snowed in

15 A storm dumped snow on most of Denmark, hampering road, rail and air traffic with up to 15 centimetres of snow.

Christmas travel rebounded yesterday in Britain after days of snow-related delays, with most services running normally at Heathrow Airport and Eurostar, but heavy snow shut down Dublin's airport.

Dublin suspended flights because heavy snow made the runway unsafe. Officials said the airport might reopen at 1:30 p.m. if conditions permit.

Ireland has been hit by unusually heavy snow.

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Teen suspect rescued from Niagara Falls gorge

Police say a teenager had to be rescued from the Niagara Gorge after officers chased two suspects in the vandalism of a Maid of the Mist tour boat.

Niagara Parks police say two males were reported as trespassing in the area where the famous tour boats were docked at about 4 a.m. yesterday morning.

Police say they quickly caught up with an 18-year-old suspect, but a 17-year-

old made a run for it, heading downriver toward the Rainbow Bridge.

Niagara Parks police Const. John Gayder says the teen had no way out of the gorge.

Gayder's rescue team rappelled down the steep, icy slope and then used the fire department's ladder truck to pull the teen out in a harness and handcuffs.

The two suspects were charged with mischief



► The Maid of the Mist as seen from the Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls, Ont.

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over \$5,000 and break and enter.

"The way he was heading there, there's really no exit from the gorge," Gayder said. "He would have exhausted himself before he was able to get to a place where he could walk out."

Once rescued, the 17-year-old was treated in hospital for onset hypothermia before being released to police.

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Origin

The first Maid of the Mist was launched in 1846 as a ferry service between the Canadian and American sides.

► Change With the opening of the suspension bridge, the ferry service lost business, and by 1854 it became a tourist attraction with a more luxurious boat.

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No appeal in twin sex assault case

► Court agrees woman did not consent to sex with boyfriend's identical twin brother

A sexual assault case in which the victim thought she was having sex with a man's identical twin brother will not be heard by Canada's highest court.

The Supreme Court of Canada has denied the man, who cannot be named, leave to appeal his conviction.

After a party one night in September 2006 the woman, who had consumed most of a bottle of wine, went to sleep in the bed of a man with whom she had a consensual sexual relationship.

Appeals

The man appealed his sex assault conviction, saying the trial judge was wrong in finding the mistaken identity meant the woman didn't consent to sex.

► **Appeal declined** The Court of Appeal for Ontario upheld his conviction earlier this year and yesterday the Supreme Court of Canada declined to hear his appeal of that decision.

Later, she awoke to someone having sex with

her and assumed it was the man with whom she had a relationship.

She called out the man's name several times and when he said nothing throughout the act she turned on the light, only to discover it was the man's twin brother.

In the Ontario Appeal Court decision in June, the panel of judges wrote that the woman did not agree to sexual intercourse with anyone other than the man with whom she had a relationship.

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Romania. Jumper

► The man was distraught that budget cuts had reduced benefits for his autistic teenage son.

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Parliament interrupted

Adrian Sobaru throws himself from a balcony in Romania's parliament yesterday, just as the prime minister began to speak before a no-confidence vote. Sobaru suffered fractures to his face, and other non-life-threatening injuries, according to a hospital official. As emergency workers took him out on a stretcher, he shouted "Freedom!"

Supreme Court will hear music previews case

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case involving whether previews of music downloaded from the Internet should be subject to royalties. The Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada is suing Bell Canada, Rogers and other communications companies over copyright infringement. After losing the rights to royalties in 2007, the society took its case to the Federal Court of Appeal, which refused to hear it.

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▶ Jim Flaherty

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Home-care plan too costly?

OTTAWA. The federal government has looked into using the tax system to help Canadians take time off work to care for elderly or sick family members, but the high cost may be too much of a barrier this year, says Finance Minister Jim Flaherty. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Violence won't deter tourists

CANCUN. Mexico is experiencing its bloodiest year of drug violence yet, but that's not stopping

domestic and international vacationers alike from flocking to Cancun which will be named one of the top destinations this year by the Orbitz travel website. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Reactor shut for inspection

MAINTENANCE. The troubled Chalk River nuclear reactor that produces medical isotopes will be shut down for 33 days in May to perform routine maintenance and an inspection of the reactor **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Theft rings targeted

DURHAM. Police in Durham Region say a six-month investigation has resulted in 50 arrests and more than 500 charges. They say tens of thousands of dollars worth of stolen property and valuable metals were recovered as part of Project Arrowhead. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Baldwin duped by Costner: Lawsuit

▶ Stephen Baldwin sues fellow actor Kevin Costner over investment in oil-spill device

The federal lawsuit filed in New Orleans yesterday by Stephen Baldwin and a friend claims Kevin Costner and a business partner duped them out of their shares of an \$18-million deal for BP to purchase oil-separating centrifuges from a company they formed after the April 20 spill.

BP ordered 32 of the centrifuges, which separate oil from water, and deployed a few of the devices on a barge in June. BP capped the well in July and kept any more oil from leaking until the seafloor gusher was permanently sealed in September.

Stephen Baldwin and his friend, Spyridon Contogouris, owned shares in Ocean Therapy Solutions,



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▶ BP COO Doug Suttles and Kevin Costner announce the vessel to be deployed carrying the centrifuge system to separate oil and water in Port Fourchon, La., on July 8, 2010.

the company that marketed the centrifuges to BP.

"This action effectively robbed plaintiffs of a distribution that otherwise would have been payable to plaintiffs," says the suit,

which seeks unspecified damages.

Costner's publicist, Arnold Robinson, declined to comment yesterday on the suit's allegations. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

'Schemed'

- ▶ Stephen Baldwin and his friend claim they were deliberately excluded from a June 8 meeting between Costner, his business partner and BP executive Doug Suttles. At the meeting, the suit says, Suttles agreed to make an \$18-million deposit on a \$52-million order for the 32 devices.
- ▶ Baldwin and the friend said they didn't know about the deal when, three days later, they agreed to sell their shares of the company for \$1.4 million and \$500,000, respectively.
- ▶ Baldwin and his friend say they were entitled to shares of BP's deposit. Instead, their suit claims Costner and Smith "schemed" to use money from BP's deposit to buy their shares in the company.

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► The 'warts and all' portrait of William and Kate has royalty buffs in a lather.

Royal coins: An inconvenient truth

► Commemorative coins derided for likeness of royal couple ► William looks more like Al Gore, critics say

That's Kate Middleton? Britain's Royal Mint on Thursday released a commemorative coin featuring portraits of Prince William and his bride-to-be, but critics say the results are far from lifelike.

Images of the couple on the memento bear little resemblance to either the prince or his betrothed. Middleton, 28, appears plump in the face and lips

and has bags under her eyes, while some critics say William looks more like former U.S. vice-president Al Gore.

The £5 (\$7.75) coin — which costs £9.99 (\$15.50) to buy — marks the Nov. 16 engagement of the second-in-line to the British throne. The couple will marry on April 29.

"This coin is of historical importance, so to get it

so wrong seems ridiculous," Ingrid Seward of Majesty magazine told Britain's Sky News.

The Royal Mint said the coin was designed by its in-house engraving team and both the Queen and Prince William had given their consent to the design. Staff used photos of the couple to produce the images, it said in a statement.

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The sustained sugar dosage during the holiday season means that our teeth may be under constant attack because our saliva doesn't get the opportunity to do its job properly. Alcoholic beverages, carbonated drinks, even diet and fruit juices are very acidic and can contribute to the erosion of tooth enamel. After ingesting sugary foods or beverages, it normally takes about an hour for saliva to restore the mouth to its natural pH levels. You can help to speed up this process by chewing sugar-free gum.

The principal cause of tooth decay and periodontal disease is bacterial plaque, the sticky, colourless film that constantly forms on our teeth after eating and/or drinking. By periodically removing this bacterial plaque through brushing and flossing you can help your teeth survive the holiday festivities intact.

Here are a few suggestions to consider: If you're partying away from home, keep a spare toothbrush and a small (travel-size) tube of fluoride toothpaste with you, and try to brush your teeth about an hour after eating or

drinking when your mouth's pH level has likely returned to a normal level, in order to avoid tooth erosion. If you don't have a toothbrush available, rinsing your mouth vigorously with water for about 30 seconds can help. Also, using an alcohol-free mouthwash to freshen-up is a better option to help avoid erosion of the tooth enamel.

Try sticking to "safe" snacks and nibbles such as bread sticks, crackers, cheese and dried fruits as much as possible, and avoid sweet or sticky snacks when socializing.

Finally, always brush and floss your teeth properly before going to bed because bacteria can inflict their severest damage to your teeth when you least expect it, while you're sleeping because your mouth stops producing saliva after you've fallen asleep.

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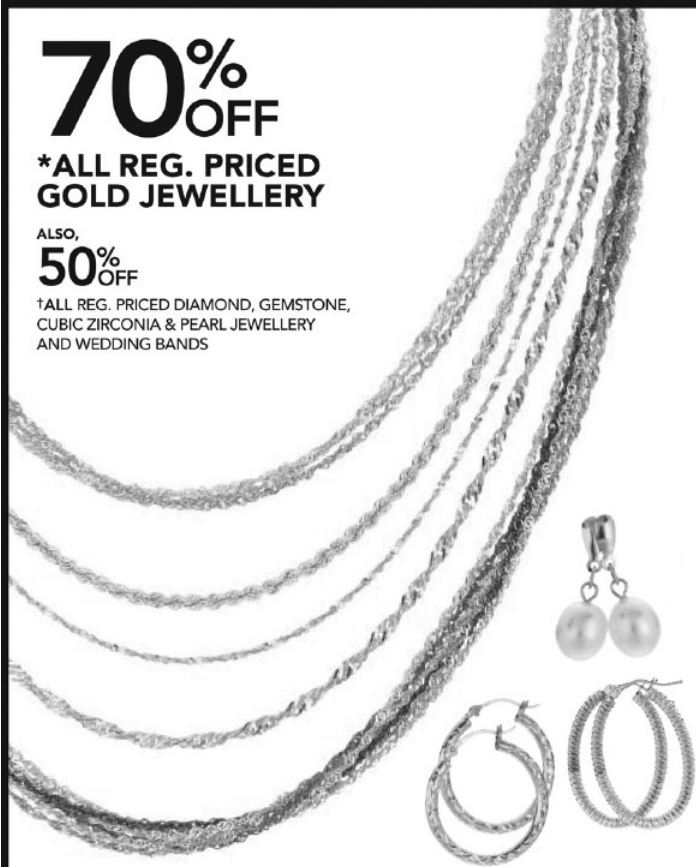


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Overheated housing sector set to cool in '11

► 'We anticipate a fairly lacklustre year for residential housing, with modestly higher sales volumes': Expert

Canada's housing market was one of the best performers — and one of the most volatile — among advanced countries in 2010, but appears poised for a lacklustre turn next year, Scotia Economics says.

This year, Canada was among six of 12 countries studied that saw home prices increase, according to the bank's year-end Globe Real Estate Trends report issued Thursday. Other countries that saw price advances included Australia, the United Kingdom, France, Sweden and Switzerland.

Prices in the U.S. and Germany were flat, and those in Ireland, Italy,

Housing stalls

- An International Monetary Fund report said Canada's overheated housing market combined with record levels of consumer debt are risks that could curtail future economic growth.
- It said Canada's housing sector has reached its peak and may be due for a correction, although a collapse is unlikely.
- The Canadian Real Estate Association has projected a 4.9 per cent slide in sales this year and a nine per cent decline next year.

Japan and Spain fell.

In Canada, an unusual-

ly active winter and spring — prompted by pent-up demand coming out of the recession, along with expectations of rising interest rates and higher taxes being introduced in two provinces — gave way to an unusually soft summer.

Sales returned to a more typical, sustainable level in the fall.

Adrienne Warren, senior economist at Scotia Economics, predicts a more subdued Canadian market in 2011 as interest rates remain near historic lows, but in a climate of global economic uncertainty.

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Last minute. Flurry



► Maura Webster of Marlborough, Mass., tries to catch a snowflake on her tongue after Christmas shopping with her daughter Emma, 4, at Shopper's World in Framingham, Mass.

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Bingeing on snow and shopping

In many parts of the world, the holiday shopping season has been shortened by nasty weather that clogged traffic and delayed deliveries. For scores of retailers, hopes of rescuing the retail season rest on last-minute shoppers.

Skype back after outage

OFFLINE. Internet calling and messaging service Skype SA mostly recovered Thursday from an outage caused by an undisclosed glitch, but problems lingered for its worldwide user base.

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► Daniel Richer

5 MINUTES WITH: DANIEL RICHLER

Daniel Richer is the official town crier for Ottawa and Gatineau.

How do you get started as a town crier?

Well, the city has to decide to have one, and they usually hold auditions and once you're accepted by the city, you have to be named by the city. It's actually an official position. And then you have to be accepted by the Ancient and Honourable Guild of International Town Criers. **What's that like? It sounds a little serious.**

Well, it is. To them it is, anyway. It's taken very seriously. They give you rules and regulations, you know,

dos and don'ts, and then you're invited to competitions.

What are some of the big don'ts for a crier?

We don't do political cries, we don't do negative cries.

What's the strangest thing you've ever proclaimed?

Were you contacted about Shannon Tweed Day?

Oh, yeah, I did the cry for Gene Simmons and Shannon. She said on her blog the best part of her visit was actually the town crier.

So we didn't officially end up having a Shannon Tweed Day ...

No, some friends of Shannon Tweed hired me to do the cry. We do everything that has social, artistic or

love connotations. Among other things, we do wedding proposals, passion proclamations, love declarations.

Do you find yourself using your skills in everyday life? I'm guessing you must hail a pretty mean cab, for instance.

Well, actually, it's funny because people expect you to be really loud in general and actually it's the opposite. I have a very soft-spoken voice. My kids know that when dad lowers his voice, it's time to stop. When I do get into situations where people scream at me, I tell them I have a black belt in screaming and it might

not be a good idea.

What is a little-known cool historical fact about criers?

Well, very often we were paid in booze. A lot of the criers used to hang out at the local pub, and that's where they got a lot of their jobs to go and announce. Everything that was sold in the market was sold by criers. A barker is a town crier.

So they were the first in advertising?

They were, or the first reporters. Of course, the unfortunate thing is that in Roman times and Greek times very often the town crier who brought in bad news would be beheaded.

● STEVE COLLINS

Cartoon



Up there Down Under

Worth mentioning

Mysterious lights in the sky and even a flying saucer are among the reported UFO sightings detailed in classified documents released by New Zealand's military this week.

The thousands of documents cover more than 50 years of New Zealanders' reports of encounters with unidentified flying objects.

Most files suggest natural explanations for the sightings, including meteors and reflections off boat lights.

Among the reports was one from a man who wrote a letter in 1955 to

Phone home



inform authorities he had seen flying saucers, even witnessing one take off.

The files also cover the country's best-known UFO mystery in 1978 in the southern island town of Kaikoura. A cargo plane reported strange lights following it and air traffic controllers detected radar blips they could not explain.

The documents showed the government carefully took note of such reports, even if some citizens only received a polite thanks for their theories.

New Zealand's Defence Force released the files Wednesday under a freedom-of-information request.

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WHAT IS YOUR CHRISTMAS WISH THIS YEAR?



Robyn Harrison
OTTAWA

I would have to say the ending of racism. That would be one of the things that could happen. The world be a more peaceful place, I think.



Kira Altman

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Happiness for me and the people I know and some of my close friends who I would consider family.

► From superheroes to animated comedy to Oscar candidates, there are lots of great movie options in the first few months of 2011 ► Oh, and don't forget Justin Bieber ... in 3-D

Hollywood offers plenty of winter fun

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Winter may be upon us but at least there's warmth in the cinematic fire that's stirring in 2011. With the new year kicking off everything from dramatic festival favourites (*Biutiful*, 02/11) to a Roman epic adventure (*The Eagle*, 02/11), multiplexes will be warming up in 2011. Here's Metro's look at the most promising movies to hibernate with through the chilly season:

Other notable winter titles:

- Season of the Witch (01/07)
- The Dilemma (01/14)
- Another Year (01/14)
- The Company Men (01/21)
- Casino Jack (01/28)
- The Rite (01/28)
- The Mechanic (01/28)
- Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (02/18)
- The Adjustment Bureau (03/04)
- The Dark Fields (03/18)

Note: All release dates are subject to change and might be different in each market.



► The Green Hornet opens Jan. 14.

January

It all begins with Gwyneth Paltrow crooning away as a washed-up western singer in the redemptive drama *Country Strong* (01/07) and filmmaker Sofia Coppola (*Lost in Translation*) observing the lonelier side of being an A-list celebrity in *Somewhere* (01/07).

However, the action heats up when Seth Rogen debuts his masked crimefighter *The Green Hornet* (01/14) in a 3-D adaptation of the 1960s TV show. If critical darlings are your thing, Michelle Williams

and Ryan Gosling quarrel as volatile lovers in *Blue Valentine* (01/07), while *Incendies* (01/21) Canada's submission to the Oscars, is a time-shifting drama that's racking up acclaim just in time for its release.

And where would January be without a fluffy rom-com? Worry not: Ashton Kutcher and Natalie Portman are platonic friends trying to maintain an aloof sexual arrangement in *No Strings Attached* (01/21). Didn't Seinfeld test this premise 20 years ago?

February

If you haven't seen enough of Stratford's biggest pop star yet, you can catch Justin Bieber: *Never Say Never* (02/11) in 3-D. Also in the third-dimension: the animated garden gnome comedy *Gnomeo and Juliet* (02/11) and *Drive Angry* (02/25) featuring Nicolas Cage as a very vengeful father.

Meanwhile, Adam Sandler convinces Jennifer Aniston to help him score in *Just Go*

With It (02/11), while bored hubby Owen Wilson gets a *Hall Pass* (02/25) from his wife to have an affair.

But February is defined mostly by suspense, with films such as the college-themed horror flick *The Roommate* (02/04), sci-fi blockbuster *I Am Number Four* (02/18), Liam Neeson's mistaken-identity thriller *Unknown* (02/18) and the James Cameron-produced underwater nail-biter *Sanctum* (02/04).



► Liam Neeson stars in *Unknown*, which opens Feb. 18.

March

Johnny Depp kicks off the month voicing a gunslinging chameleon in the quirky animated comedy *Rango* (03/04), while other (partly) animated adventures offer friendly alien encounters in *Mars Needs Moms* (03/11) and *Paul* (03/18).

Serious literature gets the big-screen treatment with another cinematic makeover of Charlotte Brontë's classic *Jane Eyre* (03/11) and novelist Michael Connelly's

adaptation of *The Lincoln Lawyer* (03/18). Meanwhile, Amanda Seyfried stars as the amped-up fairytale heroine *Red Riding Hood* (03/11).

Expect even more fantastical treats such as *Beastly* (03/18), a modern take on Beauty and the Beast, the dystopian thriller *Battle: Los Angeles* (03/11) and Watchmen-director Zack Snyder's multi-dimensional action-flick *Sucker Punch* (03/25) all aiming to ignite the springtime.



► Sucker Punch opens March 25.

News in brief



Call her the guardian angel of Jamie Foxx's music career. The Oscar and Grammy winner said Tuesday his 16-year-old daughter, Corinne, gave him the best advice when he began recording music.

"When I first started, I was doing this little slow music, you know, just R&B ... and my daughter walked in and said, 'What you doing?' I said, 'I'm working on the album.' She said, 'I hope you don't put that on there because you going to put everybody to sleep,'" Foxx said.

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Mirren goes back in time

► Oscar-winner plays an ex-Mossad agent and Nazi hunter in *The Debt* ► British actress with Russian background understands how Europe suffered after the Second World War ► Getting adjusted to her role as a sex symbol



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Helen Mirren says she was compelled to make *The Debt*, a fact-based Holocaust drama about a former Mossad agent forced to confront her past as a Nazi hunter.

"This film, it's my history," Mirren says. "I was born after the war but only just, and I was brought up with (the war) very present in my youth. It was only 10 years before. It's like nothing when I think of it now."

Born Ilyena Mironov to a British mother and Russian father, Mirren wants to recognize what she calls "that profound part of living history. Americans in general have no idea of the suffering in Europe. It's still very much a part of the present. You can feel it."

Mirren is currently in Hungary shooting *The Door*, which is also set in the same war-weary milieu.

"I play this Hungarian peasant, a housekeeper, a cleaner," she says. "It's a kind of history of Hungary, a history of the suffering of the Hungarian people through World War II, through Communism, and so I think that's what she symbolizes. It's quite heavy and quite surreal and quite Hungarian."

On a lighter note, Mirren addresses her recent upsurge in popularity, her film roles and that sex-symbol vibe.

"I guess it's a good thing," she says, laughing. "But all things pass. We can't get wedded to anything, and I hope the public doesn't get wedded to it either, because then they get really cross with



► Helen Mirren stars in *The Debt*.

you when it's not the case anymore. Somehow it's your fault, you know!

"And I expect that to happen any minute. They'll say, 'She used to

be sexy. What happened? How could she have done this to us?'"

A busy 2010

The hard-working actress has had a busy 2010 starting in six very different movies.

- **Red.** Mirren gets a chance to show off her action skills in the star-studded spy film.
- **Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole.** Mirren lends her voice to this animated adventure about owls trying to protect the owl kingdom.
- **The Tempest.** Mirren takes on the traditionally male role of Prospero in Shakespeare's tale.
- **Love Ranch.** Mirren plays a madam in the story of the first legal brothel in the United States.
- **Brighton Rock.** This TIFF release is based on a novel by Graham Greene.

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These days the malls are festooned with Christmas decorations by October, and Starbucks has its yuletide mugs out before the leaves have even turned. Last year a new version of A Christmas Carol opened in early November, and on TV A Christmas Story played for 24 solid hours on Dec. 25. It's easy to get Christmased-out long before the big day rolls around. There's too much tinsel, too many in-your-face Santas, but for movie fans it's possible to get a taste of the holidays without having to watch James Stewart contemplate ending it all.

Here are some Christmas movies for people who don't like Christmas movies:

Creepy Christmas

There are dozens of Christmas horror films with names like Silent Night, Deadly Night, but they're still too Christmasy for this list. I'm thinking more along the lines of American Psycho: who can forget Wall Street serial killer Patrick Bateman (Christian Bale) wearing reindeer antlers? Or, for that matter, the Christmas Eve viral outbreak that decimates the planet in I Am Legend.

Noel Noir

Lots of action/crime movies use Christmas as a setting, so much so that Die Hard and its sequel, both set on Christmas Eve, are regularly played as

part of TV Christmas marathons. Others you may have forgotten are Lethal Weapon (Jingle Bell Rock plays during the opening credits), Goodfellas (The Ronettes sing Frosty the Snowman during a Christmas party, and later Henry Hill (Ray Liotta) gives his wife a wad of bills as a Christmas present) and L.A. Confidential, which opens on "Bloody" Christmas, 1951, when dozens of policemen beat seven incarcerated Latino men.

You Sleigh Me

Looking for holiday laughs? According to Monty Python's The Meaning of Life, every day in Heaven is Christmastime, complete with dancers dressed as sexy Santas. In Trading Places we first see Dan Aykroyd drunk and decked out as Santa on a bus eating crusted food stuck in his beard. Even funnier is Ferdinand the duck's alarming exclamation "Christmas means carnage!" in the movie Babe.

Mistletoe Melodrama

Let's face it, Christmas brings a gamut of emotions, not just love and goodwill, and that's precisely why yuletide scenes are so effective in dramas. Far From Heaven, the Todd Haynes film about family secrets, uses a drunken Christmas party to unveil some hard truths. And, of course, without the Christmas scene in Citizen Kane there would be no Rosebud mystery.

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Gulliver's Travels

Genre: Comedy

Director: Rob Letterman

Stars: Jack Black, Jason Segel, Amanda Peet

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Jack Black's latest film might be called Gulliver's Travels, but the only things it shares with Jonathan Swift's masterful satire is the title, the land of little people named Lilliput and a scene in which Gulliver empties his bladder to put out a fire.

Unless there's a giant robot battle not available in most editions of the novel, it has to be assumed that no one involved with this production bothered to read it. Instead they decided it would be a good idea

to have a giant Jack Black try to teach an 18th-century society about Star Wars. Somehow, against all odds, the final movie turned out to be even worse than that description sounds.

The once entertaining Black hasn't found a project suited to his skills since School Of Rock, and it's painful to watch him embarrass himself as a slacker mail clerk who is transported to Lilliput through the Bermuda Triangle (no exaggeration, that's what happens). This abysmal movie is so ill conceived that it's hard to imagine even young children being forgiving enough to find it entertaining. ● **PHIL BROWN**

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4:05-6:55-9:20

MAYFAIR THEATRE
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403, mayfair-movie.com**Carlos** (STC) Wed-Thu 8
Inside Job (PG) Mon-Tue 9:15
Labyrinth (STC) Sun 8:15 Tue 12:45
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG) Sun 1:10
My Afternoons with Marguerite (STC) Sun 3 Wed-Thu 3-6
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The Princess Bride (STC) Wed 1
Tamara Drewe (STC) Sun 6 Mon-Tue 3:17**OTTAWA FAMILY CINEMA**
710 Broadview Ave., 613-732-8218, familycinema.ca**No Films Showing Today** (STC) Fri-Thu**RAINBOW CINEMAS**
St. Laurent Centre,
1200 St. Laurent Blvd.,
613-688-0850**Despicable Me** (PG) Fri 10:20-12:25-2:40-4:50 Sun-Thu 10:20-12:25-2:40-4:50**Due Date** (14A) Fri 10:10 Sun-Thu 10:10-6:45-9:05**Fair Game** (PG) Sun-Thu 7:05-9:20**Laster** (14A) Fri 10:20-12:30 Sun-Thu 10:20-3:30-6:50**Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole** (PG) Fri 12:15-2:20-4:30 Sun-Thu 12:15-2:20-4:30**The Next Three Days** (14A) Fri 1 Sun-Thu 1-8:55**Red** (STC) Fri 12:05-4:40 Sun-Thu 12:05-4:40-9:10**The Social Network** (14A) Fri 10:40-4 Sun-Thu 10:40-4-6:30**Unstoppable** (PG) Fri 10:30-12:35-2:50-5 Sun-Thu 10:30-12:35-2:50-5-7:15-9:25**RIIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS**

50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D (PG) Fri 12:30-3:15 Sat 6:15-8:50 Sun-Thu 12:15-3:45-6:15-8:50**Little Fockers** (PG) No Passes Fri 12:45-3:30 No Passes Sat 6:30-9:10 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:30-4-6:30-9:40**Yogi Bear** (G) No Passes Fri 1:30-4:15-7:20 No Passes Sat 1:45-4:15-7:20-9:45-9:15**SOUTH KEYS**

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FANTASTIC FOUR

COMICS

Looks like the Fantastic Four will soon be the Terrific Three. Marvel is trimming its flagship Fantastic Four to a mere trio in January as death comes calling on comics' first family. But whom will it be? Mr. Fantastic, the Invisible Woman, Human Torch or The Thing? Readers will find out for themselves when Fantastic Four No. 587 is released next month. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

7th heaven

CHRISTMAS CULTURE

Remember when you didn't get what you wanted for Christmas? Well, take a look at this YouTube video of a young kid who is given books by his parents. The reaction is hilarious — if not a little over-the-top. youtube.com/watch?v=O3ceZqDg34 **METRO**

JUSTIN BIEBER INTERNET

No one had more video views online in 2010 than pop star Justin Bieber. Mu-

sic video website Vevo has named the 10 most-viewed clips of the year and Bieber took the top spot and two other positions on the list. Baby, with Ludacris, came in first. It was viewed more than 416 million times.

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WILLIAM AND KATE ROYALTY

They've been engaged for less than a month but William and Kate: A Royal Love Story is now on bookshelves.

The tome is written by Christopher Andersen, who also wrote The Day Diana Died.

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MICHAEL MUSIC

Michael Jackson is the King of Pop — still. Though he's not No. 1 on North American music charts, Jackson's album sold more than 3 million units worldwide. Jackson debuted at No. 1 in Ger-



many, Italy, Sweden and the Netherlands.

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THE ROGUE'S HANDBOOK BOOKS

Looking for that last-minute holiday gift for the man in your life?

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PAULY D TV

MTV announced this week it signed a deal with Jersey Shore disc jockey Paul (DJ Pauly D) DelVecchio to star in his own spinoff based on footage filmed of the self-proclaimed "guido" in September.

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Mix of Six

Concert

Al Tambay Acoustic Christmas Eve

Have a Blues Christmas with veteran local musician Alain Tambay as he channels such bluesmen as Robert Johnson, Elmore James, Johnny Winter, George Thorogood, Keb' Mo', Ray Bonneville, and some Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Friday, 1 to 5 p.m., Tucson's (2440 Bank St.)

Dinner

Christmas in Hintonburg

Join the community of Hintonburg for their annual free Christmas dinner. Enjoy local musicians courtesy of Midnight Mike and the Open Stage Revue. Donated turkeys, ham and baking for the dinner and gifts for attendees are appreciated.

Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Carleton Tavern (223 Armstrong St.)

Musical

Legally Blonde: The Musical

The hilarious film is now a hit musical, and the Tony-nominated production is coming to the NAC. As on Broadway, Jerry Mitchell is the director and choreographer, with music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin.

Tuesday through January 2, 8 p.m., National Arts Centre

Workshop

Victorian Photo-collage Mashup!

Children and teens, use your imagination to transform a picture of yourself. Cut out your face and glue it into imaginative Victorian scenes. Kids 6 to 13, bring your photo and an adult. To register call (613) 234-4570 ext. 228.

Wednesday and Thursday, 1 p.m., Bytown Museum

Poetry

Peter F. Yacht Club Reading and Christmas Party

Get your holiday literary fix with readings by Yacht Club regulars and irregulars, including Monty Reid, rob mcLennan, Amanda Earl, Pearl Pirie, Cameron Anstee, Marilyn Irwin and more. The evening's host is rob mcLennan.

Thursday, 7 p.m., Carleton Tavern (223 Armstrong St.)

Museum

Canadian Museum of Nature

Bring on the snow! Bring on the cold! Winter activities at the museum include experiments with liquid nitrogen to reveal what happens to unprotected tissue when it freezes, "ice fishing" to learn what creatures live under the ice and HD movies.

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Jolie comment badly Handled?

► Comedienne Chelsea Handler a friend of Jennifer Aniston's ► Handler reportedly called Jolie a 'homewrecker' over relationship with Aniston's ex

It looks like Chelsea Handler's outspoken rant about Angelina Jolie may have cost her a friendship with Jennifer Aniston, according to Popeater.

"Jen and Chelsea haven't officially fallen out, but they certainly won't be going on vacation together for a long time unless Chelsea promises to never talk about Angelina again," a source says.

"She understands that what Chelsea did was out of loyalty, but it didn't help. In fact, it made things worse. Jen is a very private person."

► METRO



► Chelsea Handler



► Dina Lohan

Lindsay's mom lashes out at rehab worker

Dina Lohan is striking back at Dawn Holland, the Betty Ford Center worker who was dismissed after speaking to the press about an altercation with Lindsay Lohan, according to TMZ.

"With all the fabulous employees they have, it's unfortunate that someone with this kind of background gets through," Dina says.

na says.

Holland had claimed that Dina was on the phone with Lindsay at the time of their scuffle, telling her daughter to refuse a Breathalyzer test.

"I stand behind my daughter 100 per cent. The whole thing with the woman is a little sketchy," Dina says.

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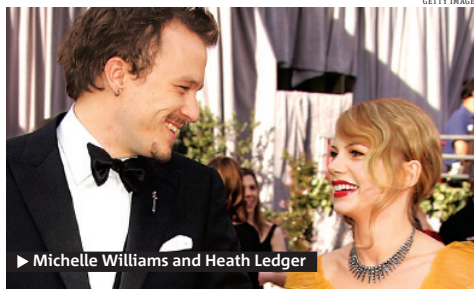
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613-728-4800

Williams opens up about Ledger's death

Michelle Williams is speaking publicly about the death of Heath Ledger for the first time since her ex's passing almost three years ago, telling ABC News she "got kind of obsessed with that for a while, the before and after," during a tearful interview.

"I can't find a meaning for it," Williams says.

"I can find meanings in things and people and relationships that have sprung up and friendships



► Michelle Williams and Heath Ledger

that have strengthened. I can find a lot of meaning in that, but not in why."

► METRO

News in brief

Schwimmer, wife expecting first child

FAMILY. David Schwimmer is going to be a dad. The former Friends star and his wife, Zoe Buckman, are expecting their first child, according to Entertainment Weekly. "They couldn't be more thrilled," Schwimmer's rep says. ► METRO

Kelly Osbourne sticks up for Miley

Kelly Osbourne is coming to Miley Cyrus' defence in the wake of the Disney star being featured in an online video smoking a bong of the hallucinogenic drug salvia.

"This really makes me mad. Miley is one of the most hard working respectful women I have ever worked with. I am learning a lot from her," Osbourne posted on Twitter.

"Miley and I have become really close. I'm sick of all the haters judging her. She made one mistake, and trust me she has learned her lesson."

Osbourne and Cyrus have been filming an action-comedy movie, So Undercover, together in New Orleans.

The duo will reportedly play roommates in the movie. ► METRO

Celebrity tweets



Jessica Alba
[@jessicaalba] Finally got our Xmas tree!.... I can't believe Xmas is already here! Who's ready? Who's not?



Seth MacFarlane
[@SethMacFarlane] Hey America, are you really gonna eat that? Seriously? All of it? Christ.



Eddie Izzard
[@eddieizzard] Heathrow was closed, so I am having an adventure to get back to London. Took the ferry to Holyhead (very nice thanks) & now train to London



Sarah Silverman
[@SarahKSilverman] If selfdepreciation was modesty Mother Teresa would've said "It's a kingly act 2 assist the fallen & also my thighs r gross"

Dr. Drew reverses on split prediction for Brad, Angelina

Dr. Drew Pinsky is doing a quick about-face on his comments from earlier this week about Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt heading for a split because of her history with drugs, according to Radar Online.

"I could not be more upset and disturbed that these things were printed as though I was making some sort of categorical

analysis of people I really don't know," Pinsky says.

"I do not know Brad or Angelina. I certainly don't want to be saying things that could be perceived as hurtful for them, or harmful for them in any way. I'm deeply concerned and apologetic and apologize for these comments that were taken out of context."

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Seasonal sippers

► The results are in! ► Canadians love their libations this time of year

Are holiday tipples an important part of the festive season? According to 82 per cent of Canadians, the answer is yes!

In a recent poll commissioned by Evangeline PR, more than 80 per cent of Canadians indicated that a glass of festive meritment is a yuletide must. "Canadians love to celebrate during the holidays and mouth-watering cocktails (or mocktails) make the season that much more festive," says Sherri Zielinski, president of Evangeline PR.

To ensure your seasonal sips are a smashing success, here are the Top 10 tips to ensure your bar is holiday-ready:

• Ice is nice: Make extra and store it: you can never have too much.

• If you don't have a bar, consider purchasing a bar cart: it ensures more time is spent with your guests

and not in the kitchen.

• Purchase festive-themed glassware in which to serve your tipples.

• Decorate your bar with colours of the season such as a red velvet underlay and a green or gold overlay.

• Stock up on seasonal garnishes such as cinnamon sticks, cranberries and candy canes to transform any drink into a holiday masterpiece.

• For no muss, no fuss cocktails, choose flavoured vodkas such as Three Olives Bubble that can be served alone, with pink lemonade or lemon-lime soda for a quick, two-ingredient delicious cocktail.

• Serve up some nostalgia with soda-fountain bar drinks from yesteryear. Try Three Olives Root



► Festive glassware can add some spirit to your spirits.

Beer vodka and treat your guests to a grown-up root-beer float.

Float Santa's Boat Preparation:

1 In a frosted mug, add Three Olives Root Beer vodka and fill with club soda. Add 1 or 2 scoops of ice cream to the top. Garnish with whipped cream and a cherry

2 In an ice-filled rocks glass, add Three Olives Bubble vodka along with pink lemonade. Float a couple of fresh cranberries on top and garnish with a small candy cane.

Ingredients:

- 2 oz. Three Olives Root Beer Vodka
- 1-2 scoops Vanilla Ice Cream
- Club soda
- Maraschino cherry garnish
- 2 oz. Three Olives Bubble Vodka
- 2 oz. Pink lemonade
- Fresh cranberries
- Candy cane garnish

Thinking beyond the cane

► Colourful candies can be so much more than just a yummy treat at Christmastime



► A few leftover sweets can make for an instant tree decoration.

Gingerbread, gumdrops, chocolates and shortbread ... the holidays wouldn't be the same without those special nostalgic treats to satisfy our yuletide sweet tooth.

According to Madeleine Johari, Canadian caterer and candy expert, "Sweets spark fond memories of the holidays more than any other food."

Johari says "distinctive flavours such as bubble gum, root beer, licorice and peppermint conjure up images of holidays past that inspire us to reminisce with friends and family. And that's what the holidays are all about!"

For some creative ways to incorporate nostalgic sweets into your holiday celebrations and create edible memories to last a

lifetime, Johari recommends the following:

• Thread gumballs on a long piece of string to make a festive and colourful garland for your tree. It's also a great reward in January when it's time to take the decorations down.

• Create edible straws for drinks by replacing the plastic ones with licorice sticks for an extra sweet finish.

• Accessorize with sweets: on a silver platter, offer guests a selection of candy necklaces, rings, bracelets and more for easy access to the seductive smell and taste of sweets all night long: this is a kids favourite! NEWS CANADA

Christmas past



It's unanimous: Canadians prefer traditional Christmas celebrations to modern ones, so move over, Jonas Brothers ... Elvis is still King — at least during the holidays.

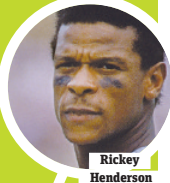
"The holidays are a time for nostalgia," says Canadian caterer Madeleine Johari. "We enjoy reminiscing about the 'good ole days' during the holidays, which is why retro-themed celebrations are so popular: they're ideal for taking guests down memory lane."

Johari ensures all her events feature the classics such as Bing Crosby, canapés and rice pudding, but her most popular retro attraction is her soda fountain bar. Ice cream floats, swamp water and milkshakes are all featured with creative holiday names in a framed menu.

NEWS CANADA



Turn leftover Christmas turkey into deluxe multigrain sandwiches.

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The connection

Can you guess the connection between these athletes?
Answer below.

Answer: They were all born on Christmas Day.



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Time runs out on MacLean in N.J.

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Facing the prospect of missing the playoffs for the first time since 1997, the New Jersey Devils fired rookie coach John MacLean on Thursday and brought back the firm hand of Jacques Lemaire to try to salvage the season.

The Devils have been one of the most disappointing teams in the NHL this season. New Jersey is tied with the New York Islanders for the fewest points in the league with 20

in 33 games (9-22-2). Their 59 goals are also the fewest.

The 65-year-old Lemaire was expected to coach the team Thursday night against the Islanders.

"It's a decision that certainly is not one that's pleasant or we feel good about," Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello said. "But it's a decision that, in my opinion, had to be made."

Lamoriello made the decision two days after the

Devils dropped a 5-1 decision to Washington for their third straight loss and eighth in nine games this month. The Devils have been outscored 15-3 in the last three games.

A perennial contender, the Devils were expected to be among the leaders again this season after re-signing all-star forward Ilya Kovalchuk to a 15-year, \$100-million US contract in the off-season.

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► John MacLean on the Devil's bench in November.

Sens hit right notes in the Music City

MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

► Kovalev, Foligno score as Senators edge Preds ► This was only meeting between the teams this season

Alex Kovalev and Nick Foligno scored and Brian Elliott made 25 saves in the Ottawa Senators' 2-1 victory over the Nashville Predators on Thursday night.

Marcel Goc scored for Nashville. The Predators have lost three straight games.

Kovalev opened the scoring at 9:35 of the first period, beating goalie Pekka Rinne with a shot from in front of the crease. Rinne was making his first appearance after missing the past nine games recovering from arthroscopic surgery on his left knee.

The Senators scored again from close range at the 4:57 mark of the second period. A shot by Milan Michalek on the power play bounced off of one of Rinne's skates. Foligno controlled the rebound

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and put it in the right side of the net with a wrist shot from in front of the crease as Rinne was out of position to the left side.

At the 7:16 mark of the second, Goc cut it 2-1 when he beat Elliott with a tip-in from a few feet in front of the crease.

Nashville's Martin Erat took a shot on a breakaway and then lost control and crumpled to the ice with 8:06 left in the second period. He skated off of the ice, but did not return because of an upper-body injury.

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► Brian Elliott blocks a shot as Chris Phillips keeps Nashville's Patric Hornqvist away from the rebound on Thursday.

Bronco gets cited for assault

NFL PHOTOS

Broncos Pro Bowl linebacker Elvis Dumervil has been cited for assault and disturbing the peace for an alleged run-in with a security guard at Invesco Field.

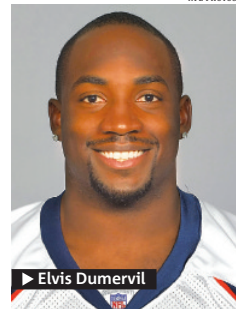
Denver court records show the reported incident happened on Oct. 24, the day the Broncos were blown out 59-14 by the Oakland Raiders.

Dumervil's lawyer, Harvey Steinberg, told The As-

sociated Press the linebacker forgot his credentials and a guard wouldn't allow him into a players' parking lot, despite Dumervil showing his driver's licence.

Steinberg said Thursday that it was a simple disagreement and that it's "unfair Elvis is being vilainized." The incident was first reported by Denver's KDVR-TV.

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► Elvis Dumervil

Sports in brief

Owner has Ryan's back

NFL. Woody Johnson is standing by his coach. The New York Jets owner said Thursday that Rex Ryan has his full support, a day after the embarrassed coach declined comment about a foot-fetish report by the blog Deadspin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Favre shows symptoms

NFL. Brett Favre has missed his second straight day of practice. Vikings coach Leslie Frazier says his quarterback is still showing symptoms from a concussion.

The coach declined to rule out Favre for Sunday night's game against Philadelphia.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SL | GF | GA | Pts | Home | Away | Last 10 | Strk |
|--------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|----------|----------|---------|------|
| d-Pittsburgh | 36 | 24 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 118 | 83 | 50 | 12-6-1-0 | 12-4-1-0 | 8-2-0-0 | W3 |
| d-Tampa Bay | 35 | 20 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 109 | 114 | 45 | 10-2-1-1 | 10-8-2-1 | 7-1-1-1 | W1 |
| d-Montreal | 35 | 20 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 92 | 79 | 42 | 12-5-2-0 | 8-8-0-0 | 5-5-0-0 | W1 |
| Philadelphia | 35 | 22 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 117 | 87 | 49 | 12-6-0-2 | 10-2-2-1 | 7-2-0-1 | L1 |
| Washington | 37 | 20 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 111 | 103 | 45 | 13-4-1-3 | 7-8-1-0 | 2-5-1-2 | L1 |
| Atlanta | 37 | 19 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 118 | 108 | 43 | 10-7-0-2 | 9-6-1-2 | 5-3-0-2 | L2 |
| NY Rangers | 36 | 20 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 108 | 95 | 42 | 8-8-1-1 | 12-6-0-0 | 6-3-0-1 | L2 |
| Boston | 33 | 18 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 93 | 69 | 40 | 9-6-1-2 | 9-5-0-1 | 5-3-1-1 | W1 |
| Carolina | 33 | 15 | 14 | 0 | 4 | 92 | 102 | 34 | 7-6-0-1 | 8-8-0-3 | 4-4-0-2 | L2 |
| Florida | 33 | 16 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 91 | 86 | 32 | 7-6-0-0 | 9-11-0-0 | 5-5-0-0 | W1 |
| Buffalo | 35 | 14 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 92 | 101 | 32 | 8-10-1-0 | 6-7-0-0 | 5-4-1-0 | L1 |
| Ottawa | 35 | 14 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 81 | 106 | 32 | 8-9-1-1 | 5-8-2-0 | 3-4-2-1 | L2 |
| Toronto | 33 | 12 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 75 | 102 | 28 | 8-7-2-1 | 4-10-0-1 | 4-6-0-0 | L3 |
| NY Islanders | 32 | 8 | 23 | 3 | 3 | 72 | 106 | 22 | 5-7-1-2 | 3-11-2-1 | 3-6-0-1 | W2 |
| New Jersey | 34 | 9 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 60 | 108 | 20 | 5-9-1-1 | 4-14-0-0 | 1-9-0-0 | L4 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SL | GF | GA | Pts | Home | Away | Last 10 | Strk |
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| d-Detroit | 33 | 21 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 110 | 92 | 46 | 11-3-1-1 | 8-4-1-0 | 4-4-2-0 | W1 |
| d-Vancouver | 33 | 20 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 112 | 86 | 45 | 11-3-1-1 | 9-5-2-1 | 6-2-2-0 | W1 |
| d-Dallas | 34 | 21 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 100 | 92 | 45 | 12-3-1-1 | 9-7-0-1 | 6-2-1-1 | W3 |
| Colorado | 34 | 19 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 121 | 110 | 42 | 10-5-1-0 | 9-6-3-0 | 6-2-2-0 | L1 |
| San Jose | 34 | 18 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 102 | 95 | 41 | 9-6-2-1 | 9-7-2-0 | 6-3-0-1 | W3 |
| Chicago | 36 | 19 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 115 | 104 | 41 | 11-9-0-1 | 6-7-1-0 | 5-4-1-0 | W3 |
| Nashville | 33 | 17 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 84 | 83 | 40 | 8-2-3-2 | 9-8-1-0 | 7-2-1-0 | L2 |
| Anaheim | 38 | 18 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 98 | 111 | 40 | 11-6-0-1 | 7-10-2-1 | 5-4-0-1 | L1 |
| Los Angeles | 32 | 19 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 95 | 75 | 39 | 11-2-1-0 | 8-10-0-0 | 6-3-1-0 | W1 |
| Phoenix | 32 | 15 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 89 | 93 | 37 | 6-4-2-2 | 9-6-2-1 | 4-4-0-2 | L1 |
| St. Louis | 33 | 16 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 86 | 93 | 37 | 10-4-0-2 | 6-8-2-1 | 4-4-1-1 | W1 |
| Columbus | 34 | 17 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 88 | 98 | 37 | 9-9-0-1 | 8-5-2-0 | 4-5-1-0 | L1 |
| Minnesota | 32 | 15 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 79 | 91 | 34 | 8-7-0-2 | 7-6-1-1 | 5-3-1-1 | W2 |
| Calgary | 35 | 14 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 92 | 103 | 31 | 9-7-0-0 | 5-11-1-2 | 4-5-0-1 | L3 |
| Edmonton | 32 | 12 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 85 | 110 | 29 | 6-8-1-1 | 6-7-1-2 | 6-3-0-1 | L1 |

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Montreal 3 Carolina 2
Vancouver 7 Columbus 3
Boston 4 Atlanta 1
Florida 4 Buffalo 3
N.Y. Islanders 5 New Jersey 1
Pittsburgh 3 Washington 2 (SO)
Tampa Bay 4 N.Y. Rangers 3 (SO)
Detroit at St. Louis
Ottawa at Nashville
Calgary at Dallas
Minnesota at Colorado
Edmonton at Los Angeles
Phoenix at San Jose
Wednesday's results
Detroit 5 Vancouver 4 (OT)
Chicago 4 Nashville 1

N.Y. Islanders 2 Tampa Bay 1 (OT)

Pittsburgh 5 Florida 2

Tonight's/Tomorrow's games

All times Eastern

No Games Scheduled.

Sunday's games

Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

Columbus at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Nashville at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Detroit at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Phoenix at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Edmonton at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Anaheim at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

CANUCKS 7, BLUE JACKETS 3

1. Vancouver, Burrows 7 (H.Sedin, D.Sedin) 9:08

2. Vancouver, Ehrhoff 6 (H.Sedin, Burrows) 12:04

3. Vancouver, Torres 9 (Alberts) 13:13

Penalties — Biekas Vcr (slashing), Sestito Cbl (roughing, roughing) 19:20.

Second Period

4. Vancouver, D.Sedin 18 (Edler, H.Sedin) 4:13

5. Vancouver, Kesler 17 (Hansen, Tambellini) 8:43

6. Vancouver, H.Sedin 8 (D.Sedin, Burrows) 12:46

7. Columbus, Umberger 9 (Vermette) 15:49

Penalties — Tambellini Vcr (holding) 9:04, Vo-racek Cbl (goaltender interference) 13:43, Nash Cbl (slashing) 18:45.

Third Period

8. Vancouver, Torres 10 (Hamhuis, Samuels-son) 6:46 (pp)

9. Columbus, Umberger 10 (Voracek) 9:08

10. Columbus, Wilson 2 (Russell, Wilson) 12:20

Penalties — Vermette Cbl (cross-checking, tripping) 4:51, Ballard Vcr, Dorsett Cbl (slashing) 20:00.

Shots

Vancouver 17 7 6 —30

Columbus 5 6 16 —27

Goal (shots-saves) — Vancouver: C.Schneider (W,4-0-2); Columbus: Garon (L,8-5-2)(22-16), Mason (12-46 second)(8-7). Power plays (goals-chances) — Vancouver: 1-5; Columbus: 0-1.

Referees — Dan O'Halloran, Justin St. Pierre.

Linesmen — Derek Amell, David Brisebois.

Att. — 12,159 (18,144) at Columbus, Ohio.

CANADIENS 3, HURRICANES 2

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Weber Mtl (elbowing) 8:25, Harrison Car (tripping) 19:17.

Second Period

1. Carolina, LaRose 7 (Carter, Gleason) 1:02 (sh)

2. Montreal, Gomez 5 (Hamrlik, Spacsek) 4:47

3. Carolina, Cole 7 (E.Staal) 15:17

4. Montreal, Kostitsyn 10 (Plekanec, Cammalleri) 16:57 (pp)

5. Montreal, Picard 3 (Gomez, Spacsek) 19:00 (pp)

Penalty — Cole Car (boarding major) 15:26.

Third Period

No Scoring.

Penalties — Hamrlik Mtl (interference) 0:23, Eller Mtl (delay of game) 10:40, LaRose Car (tripping) 17:47.

Shots

Montreal 11 14 4 —29

Carolina 5 9 10 —24

Goal — Montreal: Price (W,19-11-2); Carolina: Ward (L,14-10-3). Power plays (goals-chances) — Montreal: 2-5; Carolina: 0-3.

Referees — Chris Lee, Dean Morton. Linesmen — Scott Cherry, Derek Nansen.

Att. — 16,981 (18,680) at Raleigh, N.C.

SCORING LEADERS

Crosby, Pgh 28 30 58

Stamkos, TB 26 21 47

St. Louis, TB 13 30 43

Perry, Ana 19 22 41

D.Sedin, Vcr 17 23 40

Richards, Dal 16 23 39

Datsyuk, Det 12 27 39

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| Byfjellgren, Atl | 12 | 24 | 36 |
| Zetterberg, Det | 12 | 24 | 36 |
| Roy, Buf | 10 | 25 | 35 |
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| Kopitar, LA | 14 | 20 | 34 |
| Duchene, Col | 13 | 21 | 34 |
| Backstrom, Wash | 11 | 23 | 34 |
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| Toews, Chi | 15 | 17 | 32 |
| Iginla, Cal | 14 | 18 | 32 |
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| Selanne, Ana | 10 | 22 | 32 |
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| Malkin, Pgh | 13 | 18 | 31 |
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| J.Williams, LA | 12 | 17 | 29 |
| J.Thornton, SJ | 7 | 22 | 29 |
| J.Carter, Pha | 13 | 15 | 28 |
| Plekanec, Mtl | 10 | 18 | 28 |
| M.Koivu, Minn | 7 | 21 | 28 |
| Liles, Col | 5 | 23 | 28 |
| Visnovsky, Ana | 5 | 23 | 28 |
| Lucic, Bos | 16 | 11 | 27 |
| Dubinsky, NYR | 14 | 13 | 27 |
| Ryan, Ana | 14 | 13 | 27 |
| P.Kane, Chi | 11 | 16 | 27 |
| Malone, TB | 10 | 17 | 27 |
| Lidstrom, Det | 8 | 19 | 27 |
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| Nash, Cbl | 17 | 9 | 26 |
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| Leino, Pha | 8 | 16 | 24 |
| Skinner, Car | 8 | 16 | 24 |
| Backes, STL | 7 | 17 | 24 |
| Pacelli, TB | 6 | 18 | 24 |
| Boyle, SJ | 4 | 20 | 24 |
| Kelth, Chi | 3 | 21 | 24 |
| Hortin, Bos | 11 | 12 | 23 |

Not including last night's games

HOCKEY

IIHF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Buffalo and Lewiston, N.Y.

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PRELIMINARY ROUND

Sunday's games

At Buffalo, N.Y.

Germany vs. Switzerland, 12:30 p.m.

Russia vs. Canada, 4 p.m.

Finland vs. U.S., 8 p.m.

At Lewiston, N.Y.

Norway vs. Sweden, 4 p.m.

Monday's games

At Buffalo, N.Y.

Slovakia vs. Germany, 7 p.m.

At Lewiston, N.Y.

Czech Republic vs. Norway, 7 p.m.

Tuesday's games

At Buffalo, N.Y.

Switzerland vs. Finland, 12:30 p.m.

Canada vs. Czech Republic, 4 p.m.

U.S. vs. Slovakia, 8 p.m.

At Lewiston, N.Y.

Sweden vs. Russia, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Sent RHP Justin Gernano outright to Columbus (IL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Sold 1B-OF Rusty Ryan to Yomiuri (Japan-Central).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Acquired INF-OF Corey Wimbler from Oakland for RHP Ryan Kelly, Claimed LHP Aaron Thompson off waivers from the Washington. Designated LHP Wil Ledezma for assignment. Agreed to terms with INF Garrett Atkins on a minor league contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with LHP Sean Burnett on a two-year contract.

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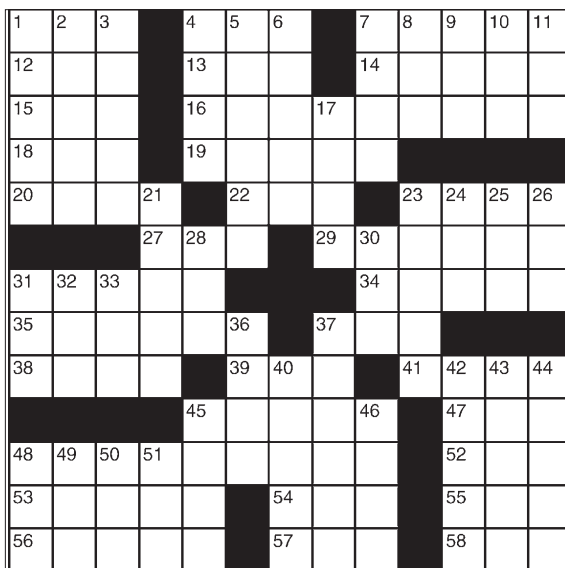
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14 Places in the heart
15 Sportscaster Scully
16 Winter weather factor
18 Mel of baseball lore
19 Opposite of blanco (Sp.)
20 At the home of (Fr.)
22 Keanu's role in "The Matrix"
23 Our heaviest president
27 Feedbag tidbit
29 Major fear
31 Topple
34 In two places
35 Japanese emperor
37 Hot tub
38 Rid of rind
39 Multipurpose truck
41 Wild and crazy
45 Argument
47 Miller Sebastian
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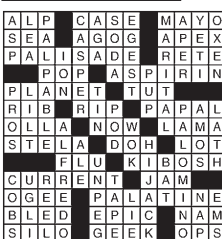
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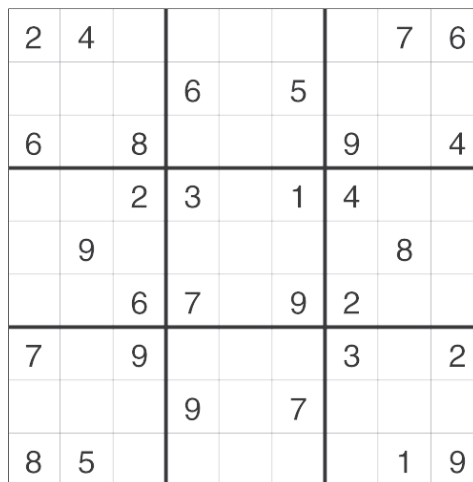
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10 Up to
11 Mule of song
17 Let fall
21 Of a region
23 November birthstone
24 Lawyers' org.
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26 Body art, for short
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30 Fortune
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33 — out a living
36 "That hurts!"
37 Joined by sewing
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42 High spots
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45 Read bar codes
46 Cribbage
scorekeepers
48 Existed
49 Anger
50 The Simpsons' neighbor
51 "CSI" evidence

Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

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| 4 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 9 |
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Devin.... "If I could give you one thing in life, I would give you the ability to see yourself through my eyes, only then would you realize how special you are to me..." **TOOTHFAIRY**

merry christmas i love you Shyla Boudreau lets try to work this out and grow into a bigger family love **OLUWA**

Nadia, You are the octopus on my muffin. Bulbasaur to my pikachu. Protector of my struggling 16 yr. old girl. Beloved blanket thief and much more. You are my faith made manifest that the world wants me to be happy and every day I love you more. **TIGER**

I would like to send a big kiss to my special gal Bernice, you the most amazing women I have ever known, with a smile brighter than any pearl and a heart bigger and sweeter than any chocolate bar. **LOVE DON DIEGO**

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Others can be in a downbeat mood if they so wish but you don't see the point. Whatever problems you may have in your life they can wait a few days until you are ready to deal with them.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Is a partner or loved one telling you lies? Put your doubts and differences aside and make the most of the festive season.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Someone whose support you tend to rely on will be difficult to get hold of today, but you don't need them. You have everything it takes to make the best of your current situation.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may think you can break the rules and get away with it and, who knows, maybe you can — but is it worth the risk. If it goes wrong the atmosphere over the holiday period will be frosty to say the least.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Your logic circuits may tell you that certain things are not possible but at this time of year miracles are possible. You may not entirely believe that but act as if you do and it's quite likely you will work wonders.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 There is no point making a fuss about something you don't have the power to change. It's no big deal. Put it out of your head.

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♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 It might be wise to keep your opinions to yourself over the next couple of days, especially if you want a peaceful festive break.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Everyone makes mistakes — yes, even a Scorpio — so don't beat yourself up about something you got wrong. Compared to most people you get things right more often than not, so forgive yourself.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Why do you impose so many limits on yourself? Why do you have to be perfect all the time? Whatever the reason (assuming there is a reason) cut yourself some slack today.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may be extraordinarily ambitious but even you can ease off a bit at this time of year. In fact, if you relax physically and mentally over the next few days you'll come up with some great ideas.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't worry if you find it hard to concentrate today. At this time of year you have the perfect excuse to let your mind wander — there's just so much going on.

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